

THE WHOLE TRUTH OF LAND MATTER

Santa Fe, N. M., March 18.—(Special.)—The entire connection of Governor Hagerman with the transaction was in turning over certain signed and executed deeds to W. S. Howell, representing the Pennsylvania Development company when Howell tendered a check for \$11,000 to cover principal and interest on a note which the former administration had accepted, in part payment for the land.

The deeds in question, some 43 in number, had been signed and part of them sealed by the former administration and were being held by the territorial land board had not been attached to 20 of the deeds.

The report holds that Governor Hagerman had no right to turn over the signed deeds upon payment of the notes as the seals of the territorial land board had not been attached to 20 of the deeds.

This seal the governor attached upon a written opinion of the attorney general that he had the authority to do so. It is upon this single action that the report of the committee scores the governor for what it holds to have been an illegal and improper action.

The deeds were delivered only after the governor had been advised by the proper legal authorities that a failure to do so would render the territory liable to action which would force the delivery of the deeds, since the former administration had not only accepted a note in payment for the land, but had also accepted money which had been distributed to the several educational institutions to which the land belonged, the institutions having already expended the money.

The bitter political fight which had been waged in the New Mexico legislature against the governor by a faction of the Republican organization is recognized as having much to do with the bitterness of the report of Governor Hagerman, shortly after he came into office, removed the superintendent of the penitentiary, who was also chairman of the Republican committee, for alleged irregularities in the management of the institution. This precipitated a fight, which has been carried into the legislature, with the avowed intention of taking away from the governor all his appointive and other powers which could be taken away by legislative action.

Governor Had Majority of Entire Legislature.
The governor has frustrated this plan through the fact that a two-thirds majority in the senate has been friendly to him. The opposition, however, has controlled the lower house by a small majority.

Thus it appears that politics more than any irregularities in the management of the territorial lands has had most to do with the making of this report by the lower house criticising the governor.

The house also passed a resolution today requesting the district attorney of the second judicial district to bring suit to recover all lands which have been sold by the territory since 1901.

In the course of the reading of the report today, a charge of cowardice was made on the floor of the house by Representative Hudspeth of Lincoln county against Representative Holt, which resulted in Holt making an assault upon Hudspeth. Blows were exchanged before the men could be separated, and the house was thrown into great confusion.—Denver Republican.

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THE BABY SMILE ON GROWN-UP FACES

(By Josephine Foster.)

It was just an ordinary baby in an ordinary little sleigh drawn by an ordinary young man—baby's father. Yet at the windows along the way were faces of interested women and children with an occasional man—an elderly man, though. On the steps of the house from which the little sleigh began its journey stood three women—a young woman, probably the child's mother, and an older woman whom our "imaginer" fancied the grandmama of Sir Baby, a stout middle-aged person evidently the maid of all work being the third—and these three added to the windowed faces along the short route of the tiny equipage brought to our stranger faces the smile of interest that we can only name as "The Baby Smile." It was present on many faces at the moment of which I write. Why? Because it emanated from a transparent, though hidden heart interest in an object we all loved because of previous knowledge and love of its kind somewhere in the long lane we call life.

Papa and mamma wore the smile because the baby was their very own, and after all, what an analogy it is that the greatest and the least of us demand the same tribute for our babies. We may acknowledge the superiority of our betters over ourselves and our circumstances but never do we accept these differences in life, finances or station for our children. So papa and mamma were proud of this little white-hooded elf because he was theirs. Grandmama was proud and wore "The Baby Smile" so becoming to her because the darling was the darling of her once young motherhood, and this little type of her family was but the baby she had watched under other skies and far away, when not so many snows had fallen over her years and the happy tucking in of this baby had repeated for her the thrills of many loves like this on other sunny winter mornings.

And to Bridget, who knows but that the snow was as green as Ireland's sod, and the fond-eyed father an awkward lad, guiding the jaunting-car of the young prince of her humble home far away from "Ameriky."

As for me the sleigh had rockers and my foot almost slipped on the treacherous ice of the pavement as the tip of my slipper in fancy touched the tip of the rocker and my whispered "hush-a-by" ended in a shrill cry of alarm for the sleigh had overturned at a hidden gap in the walk and the baby, with a cry of fear, rolled out into the cold snow and down the terraced lawn. Everybody ran. Mother, grandmother, Bridget and the neighbors, and I joined the hurrying, exclaiming, frightened procession, and the young father scrambled down the six-foot declivity and caught and clasped closely his screaming fluffiness, Sir Baby, and everybody "Oh'd and Ah'd," and in a moment he was again cuddled down into his warm nest with many a tender warning to his of course careless papa and as the sleigh slid along I pitied those home-tied souls who had not my privilege of following the sound of Sir Baby's rattle and coo though for only one short block, but we were friends forever, for we all wore in parting and exchanged with each other the God-given coin of "The Baby Smile."

L. W. Mann of Wagon Mound has been in town several days, leaving for Springer last Sunday. Mr. Mann is agent for sewing machines.

AMENDED HOUSE BILL NO. 83

An act to amend section 2402, sub-section 18, of the Compiled Laws of 1897.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of New Mexico:

Section 1. That section 2402, at sub-section 18, be and the same is hereby amended by adding to said sub-section, at the end thereof the following words: "Provided further, that no city council, or board of trustees in towns, in exercising its right to grant licenses, regulate or prohibit the selling or giving away of any of the liquors mentioned in this section, shall have the power to discriminate between persons of like or similar character engaged in the same class of business in favor of one as against another, nor to discriminate between places, locations or buildings in favor of one as against another, which are situated in the same business district of such city or town, and provided further, that no city council or board of trustees in towns shall grant any license for the sale of liquors on any lot where there is not a saloon in operation at the time of application for such license, except upon petition and written consent of the owners of more than one-half of the lots of the half-block in which such lot is situated, or if the place described in such application is not part of a regularly numbered block, then upon petition or written consent of the owners of more than half the property in the square or other subdivision in which the same is situated; but no license shall be granted for the sale of liquors within one block or square of any church, public library or public school, nor in any purely residence district.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage.

Maxwell City

A. M. Hollenbeck went out to Passamonte Saturday.

E. D. Manning is home from a trip of several months in old Mexico. He went down to the Springer ball Saturday night.

Jack Stubblefield and wife, from Vermejo station on the St. Louis & Rocky Mountain, spent Sunday in Maxwell.

Mrs. Ed Sproull and daughter, Gladys, went to Raton Sunday morning, returning Tuesday.

Mr. Beble, wife and two children arrived here today from Illinois and will spend the year on the Glidden ranch.

Thos. Stevens returned to his home in Gunnison, Colo., Friday, having been for some time the guest of his father, J. D. Stevens.

John Sproull, from Appleton City, Mo., has been here this week looking for a location for farming.

Mrs. Lige Shaban and Miss Florence Littrell spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Cimarron.

Fred Klakman, wife and little daughter, of Raton, came yesterday and are guests of Mrs. Klinkman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Whiteley. Mrs. Gussie Simmons, of Forest City, Mo., came Saturday and will be the guest of Mrs. J. N. Brackett for a week. She will probably locate in New Mexico. Having formerly lived here it is only natural that she wants to return. Everybody comes back to New Mexico.

Ike Zink, of Appleton City, Mo., with his wife and two children, arrived here today and will look about for a situation or location. They are the guests of Mrs. Zink's sister, Mrs. Ed Sproull, at the Maxwell House.

The officers of the Vermejo Ditch Co. have employed O. P. Nyhoff for ditch boss. He has been cleaning out and otherwise repairing the ditches, and we had water this week to soak up everything in town, the first ditch irrigation since Sept. 1905. DIXIE.

CARDS ARE BARRED.

According to the new postal laws, post cards ornamented with particles of glass, mica or similar substances liable to injure the hands of persons handling the mail are excluded from the mails except when inclosed in suitable envelopes.

This will leave on the hands of post card merchants a large number of fancy cards which cannot be used now. These cards are made to represent dicky birds with brilliant plumage, snowy ranges of wonderful brilliancy and with enough snow shown on their caps to fill the Purgatoire river for years.

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Bring in Your Samples

A. T. McIntyre, president of the Deep Tunnel Mining and Milling company of Elizabethtown, is collecting ore to place in cabinets to be placed in the depots at Raton. The following letter to the Prospector explains the matter quite fully:

Elizabethtown, N. M.,
February 14, 1907.

Red River Prospector,
Red River, N. M.

Dear Sir: I am collecting mineral specimens from Elizabethtown and Red River, to be placed in cabinets, one at Santa Fe depot and one at the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific depot in Raton, to advertise the Red River and Elizabethtown mining districts. If the miners of Red River will donate specimens, labeled, showing what property they are from, they will be placed in the cabinet just as they are labeled. Please bring or send them to A. T. McIntyre, and leave at the postoffice in Elizabethtown. Hoping the people will see the good of this and respond quickly, I am yours truly,

A. T. MCINTYRE.

Any ore left at the News and Press office in Cimarron, or handed to Arthur O'Sullivan, will be forwarded to Mr. McIntyre.

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